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BULLSEYE

NORMAN OSBORN

The shape-shifting alien race known as the Skrulls has invaded Earth.

First they deployed a well-planned secret invasion using their shape-shifting ability to seed mistrust among the Avengers and other heroes around the world. Now they have struck fast and hard, setting up camp and making their intentions clear.

The Earth is now part of the Skrull Empire, led by the Queen, disguised as Spider-Woman.

Now the heroes are regrouping: Reed Richards has discovered a way to see past the Skrulls' genetic shape-shifting and the humans can now tell who is who, the mighty Thor has summoned both the humans and Skrulls to a battle on the fields of Central Park and the Hood has arrived with an army of villains to fight for Earth.

For the first time in years, the original Avengers are united and Nick Fury is back on the battlefield. And for the first time ever, heroes and villains fight as one, backing the collective army of Skrulls up against the wall.

As a last resort, the Skrulls unveil their backup plan: Janet Van Dyne, a.k.a. the Wasp. Months ago, the Skrull posing as Hank Pym tainted her growth serum with an airborne toxin that could only be triggered by Hank himself, which he does with his dying breath.

Helplessly, her friends watch as the Wasp becomes a chemical bomb that will take out Skrull and human alike, because if the Skrulls can't have Earth, no one can...

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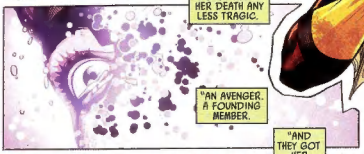
JARVIS

THE HOOD

"THE BATTLE IN NEW YORK WAS FIERCE."
"THE BATTLE *WAS* FIERCE, YES."
"I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE."
"THE SKRULL EMPIRE HAD SO MANY TRICKS UP THEIR SLEEVE, SO MANY PLANS AND CONTINGENCY PLANS...THEY'D MORE THAN HALFWAY WON BEFORE IT HAD EVEN STARTED."
"YOU CAN'T HELP BUT ADMIRE THEM."
"*ADMIRE?*"
"THE PLANS. THE EXECUTION."
"I UNDERSTAND. WHAT--WHAT EXACTLY *HAPPENED* WITH JANET VAN DYNE?"
"THE WASP. YES."
"THAT--THAT IS WHAT I MEAN."
"IT WOULD SEEM THEY HAD SET HER UP AS A LAST RESORT BIOLOGICAL WEAPON."
"THEY INFECTED THE GROWTH FORMULA SHE USES TO TURN HERSELF INTO THE WASP OR GIANT-WOMAN...THEY MAY HAVE DONE THIS MONTHS BEFORE."
"IT SEEMS THEY HAD HER READY TO GO IN CASE THINGS GOT DESPERATE."
"AND THEY DID."
"YES. THEY DID."
"BUT WHAT HAPPENED?"
NEWS

"THOR HAPPENED.
AAARRGGHHH!
"YOU PROBABLY SAW THE FOOTAGE. HE WASN'T THE ONLY ONE.
"EVERYONE WHO WASN'T PUKING UP THEIR LUNGS TRIED TO GET TO HER. TO HELP HER.
"IT SEEMED THAT THE WASP HERSELF WAS TRYING TO GET AWAY.
"IN HER DYING BREATH SHE WAS TRYING TO SAVE LIVES AND TAKE OUT ENEMIES.
"BUT SHE WAS KILLING US.
"HUMAN AND SKRULL ALIKE.
"THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY TO STOP IT.
I WILL AVENGE THEE, FAIR JANET.

"DOESN'T MAKE HER DEATH ANY LESS TRAGIC.


"AN AVENGER. A FOUNDING MEMBER.

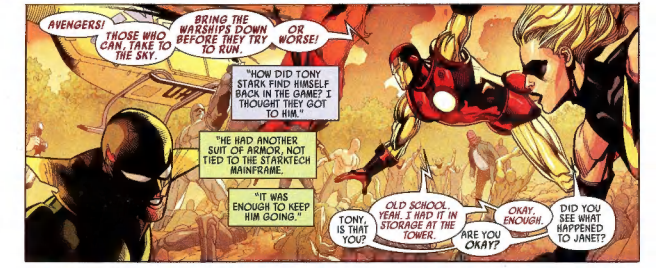
"AND THEY GOT HER.
NO...
NO, NO...

"THING IS--I DON'T KNOW IF THE SKRULLS, FOR ALL THEIR PLANNING, TRULY UNDERSTAND US.
"AS HUMANS.
"BECAUSE I THINK IF THEY *DID*, THEY'D KNOW THAT WHETHER OR NOT A STUNT LIKE THAT WOULD HAVE WORKED...

"WHOEVER SURVIVED...
"WHOEVER WAS LEFT...

"...WOULD BE INSANELY TICKED OFF."
SNIKT
HE LOVES ME...
HE LOVES ME...
HE LOVES ME...
HE LOVES ME...
FZAAK!

"BUT ONLY ONE PERSON GOT THE KILLSHOT.
"NORMAN OSBORN.
"ALL THE NETWORKS WERE COVERING IT LIVE. EVERYONE ON THE PLANET SAW IT.
"IT WAS, QUITE LITERALLY, THE SHOT HEARD 'ROUND THE WORLD."
THUNDERBOLTS, M-MAKE SURE NONE OF THEM WEASEL AWAY.
NO LOOSE ENDS.


AVENGERS! THOSE WHO CAN, TAKE TO THE SKY.
BRING THE WARSHIPS DOWN BEFORE THEY TRY TO RUN.
OR WORSE!
"HOW DID TONY STARK FIND HIMSELF BACK IN THE GAME? I THOUGHT THEY GOT TO HIM."
"HE HAD ANOTHER SUIT OF ARMOR, NOT TIED TO THE STARKTECH MAINFRAME.
"IT WAS ENOUGH TO KEEP HIM GOING."
TONY, IS THAT YOU?
OLD SCHOOL. YEAH, I HAD IT IN STORAGE AT THE TOWER.
ARE YOU OKAY?
OKAY. ENOUGH.
DID YOU SEE WHAT HAPPENED TO JANET?

I SAW.

"AND THOSE WHO COULD FLY TOOK TO THE SKY.
"ARES TOOK THE WARSHIP THAT WAS HOVERING OVER THE CITY PROPER ALL BY HIMSELF.
"HE DROPPED IT RIGHT INTO THE ATLANTIC."
"ALL BY HIMSELF?"
"THEY SAY HE IS THE GOD OF WAR."
"AND THE OTHERS?"

"ACCORDING TO STARK'S INITIAL TESTIMONY AND REPORTS...
"...WHAT WAS LEFT OF THE ARMADA WAS ATTEMPTING TO RETREAT.
"BUT WITHOUT A PROPER LEADERSHIP CHAIN THEY WERE CAUGHT SPINNING THEIR WHEELS WHEN THOR WHIPPED OUT THE HAMMER."
COME ON, GUYS... KEEP THE CASUALTIES LIGHT.
I WANT PRISONERS.
"WHATEVER STARK HAD LEFT...
"...IT WAS ENOUGH FOR HIM TO SCAN THE SKRULL WARSHIPS FOR OTHER DOOMSDAY DEVICES.
"BUT WHAT HE FOUND..."
OH MY GOD...

"IT SAYS HERE THAT STARK WAS ABLE TO OVERRIDE THEIR TECH WITH HIS TECH?"
"JOSE, BACK!"
KA-SHOOM
"AT LEAST ENOUGH TO GET INTO THE ONE SHIP AND TAKE CONTROL OF IT."
OH, MAN...
HOLD ON TO SOMETHIN'!

HEY...
WHAT'S UP?

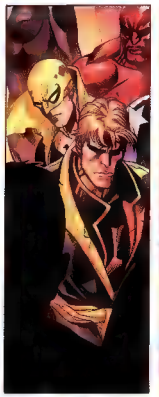
OH, THANK GOD!
CAROL--MAN, ARE YOU A SIGHT.
ARE--ARE YOU OKAY?
NO!
I'M--I'M TIRED AND I'M SO OUT OF SORTS IT'S NOT EVEN A LITTLE FUNNY. AND I--

WHAT?
WHAT DID I DO?
YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.
WHY IS EVERYONE LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
NO ONE--NO ONE KNOWS WHAT TO THINK.
WHY?

"THERE WERE SIGHTINGS OF DOZENS OF KNOWN CRIMINALS--"
"YES, SIR."
"WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?"
GUYS, IF I MAY, I THINK THIS IS AS GOOD A TIME AS ANY TO TAKE OUR LEAVE.
YEAH, NO @#$%.

HANK PYM!
TELL ME THAT'S YOU, TONY.
IT'S ME.
OH, MAN, DO I EVEN WANT TO KNOW WHAT YEAR IT IS?
HOW-- HOW DO YOU FEEL?
HOW DO I FEEL? I FEEL LIKE I SLEPT FOR TWO HUNDRED--

THOR! THOR, YOU'RE BACK! YOU'RE OKAY!
AYE, OLD FRIEND!
WHERE'S JANET?



WHERE'S JANET?

OH, NO.
WHAT'S WRONG, JESSICA?

JARVIS?
SIR?
WELL, THAT ANSWERS A LOT OF QUESTIONS.
I SEEM TO HAVE FOUND MYSELF IN A RATHER AWKWARD--
STEADY, MY FRIEND.
I'M SO SORRY, SIR. I FEEL LIKE I HAVE LET YOU--

OH GOD!
NO!

JESSICA!
WE'RE SEEING LIVE IMAGES OF THE BATTLEFIELD...
IRON MAN HAS LANDED A SHIP IN CENTRAL PARK. THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE MILLING ABOUT. WE'RE NOT SURE EXACTLY--
NUH!
KRIKKIK
NO. NO. NO... OH, GOD.
WHAT THE HELL, JESS?
THE BABY, LUKE.
THEY TOOK OUR BABY!
WHAT?
JARVIS. THE JARVIS THAT WAS HERE.
IT WAS ONE OF THEM! AND-- AND I GAVE HIM THE BABY!
AND NOW--AND NOW...
THEY TOOK THE BABY!

"I HAVE A QUESTION. WHY DO YOU THINK THE SKRULLS KEPT THEIR HUMAN PRISONERS ALIVE?
"IF THEY HAD SUCCESSFULLY SWITCHED THEM OUT, WHY DIDN'T THEY, I DON'T KNOW, DUMP THE BODIES?"
"WELL, SIR, I THOUGHT IT WAS IN CASE THEY NEEDED BARGAINING CHIPS.
"THAT'S WHAT I WOULD HAVE DONE.
"BUT ACCORDING TO THE SKRULL PRISONER INTERROGATION, THE PROCESS THESE SKRULLS USED TO COMPLETELY INFILTRATE OUR RANKS WAS A GENETIC PROCESS, AND THEY NEEDED THE ORIGINAL SOURCES AVAILABLE."
"CREEPY."
"YES."
NICK! NICK?!
THANK GOD, A FRIENDLY FACE.
"EITHER WAY AFTER ALL THIS TIME, IT WAS NICE TO BE ABLE TO LOOK EVERYONE IN THE EYE AND KNOW...
"EVERYONE IS WHO THEY SAY THEY ARE."
NICK!
THE HELL WAS THAT?
MAYBE [redacted] DIDN'T SEE US.
HE SAW US.
HE--HE JUST TURNED HIS BACK ON US?

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
BOBBIE MORSE. MOCKINGBIRD.
YOU'RE A S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT TOO?
YEAH. ME TOO.
GOOD TO MEET YOU.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED HERE? DO YOU KNOW WHERE WE ARE NOW?
I KNOW WHAT YOU KNOW.
DO YOU KNOW HOW WE GOT HERE?
GUESS WE'LL FIND OUT IN A--
I'M A LITTLE FREAKED OUT.
YEAH, THAT'S HOW YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT--
--CRAZY NUTS.
CLINT?
IS IT YOU?
OH MY GOD. YOU LOOK TERRIBLE.
YOU LOOK GREAT.
WHAT ARE YOU WEARING?

REED, OH MY GOD!
SUSAN, I--
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE OKAY.
I CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR THIS--
UH, REED?
OH MY GOD! THE KIDS!
LET'S GO.
PLEASE, STAY-- BEHIND-- THE-- BARRICADES!
EXCUSE ME, SERGEANT
OH, THANK GOD! WHAT HAPPENED?
PLEASE, GET EVERYONE AWAY FROM THE BAXTER BUILDING.
WHAT DO WE DO?
THERE'S A SECURE LINE BACKUP PROCEDURE IN SUB-BASEMENT NINE.
THERE IS?
IN CASE THE NEGATIVE ZONE PORTAL IS EVER BREACHED.
YOU CAN'T HAVE A NEGATIVE ZONE PORTAL IN YOUR LIVING ROOM AND NOT HAVE A CONTINGENCY PLAN, SWEETIE.
WHAT ABOUT OUR CHILDREN?
THEY'RE WITH JOHNNY OR BEN WE HAVE TO PRAY TO GOD THEY ARE--
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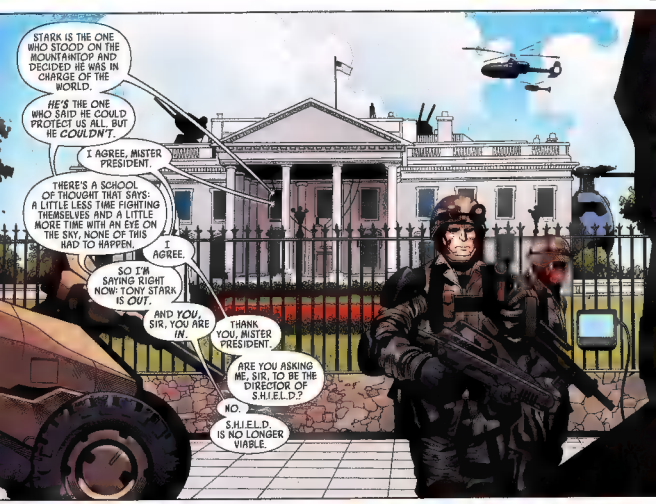
THE BLUE ONE!
I DON'T KNOW.
YOU HIT THE BLUE BUTTON FIRST.
WHY DIDN'T REED LEAVE A MANUAL?
I'M TELLING YOU, I REMEMBER--
HI, MOMMY!
THERE YOU ARE!
MOMMY!
BABIES!
YOU WOULD NOT BELIEVE THE DAY WE'VE HAD!
I BET.
THERE WAS A SKRULL-SUE AND SHE--AND SHE--
I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT.
WE WERE TRAPPED IN THE NEGATIVE ZONE.
THANK YOU FOR SAVING THE CHILDREN.
SUE'D KILL US IF WE CAME BACK HERE WITHOUT THEM.
MOMMY, SOMEONE WAS DRESSED LIKE YOU AND THEY BLEW UP THE WHOLE HOUSE!
I KNOW. IT WASN'T ME.
WE TOTALLY KNOW.
WE KINDA TOOK CARE OF IT OURSELVES. JUST SO YOU KNOW.
I'M SO PROUD OF YOU.
OKAY, EVERYBODY OUT.
JUST IN CASE.

THOR, WE HAVE SO MUCH TO DO. THERE'S SO MUCH--
I'M--I'M JUST REALLY GLAD YOU'RE BACK WITH US.
I'M GLAD WE CAN FINALLY--
DON'T MISUNDERSTAND MY INTENTIONS, STARK. I CAME HERE BECAUSE I WAS NEEDED.
I TOLD YOU I WOULD NEVER FIGHT ALONGSIDE YOU AGAIN.
I TOLD YOU I WOULD NEVER JOIN THY RANKS AGAIN.
I ABHOR WHAT THOU HAST BECOME AND I'M SURE I WILL NOT BE THE ONLY ONE WHO FINDS THE BLAME IN ALL THIS TO FALL SQUARE ON THY SHOULDERS.

YOU OKAY, TEDDY?
HEY, DON'T SHAPE-SHIFT ONE MOLECULE OR I'LL SHIFT YOUR WHOLE HEAD OFF YOUR BODY.
KATE, EVEN WITH THE LITTLE I KNOW ABOUT MY HERITAGE, I KNOW THIS ISN'T WHAT THE SKRULL EMPIRE STANDS FOR.
THIS WAS EXTREMISM. THIS WAS TERRORISM.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THEY WANT THE EARTH SO BADLY.
DIDN'T YOU SAY THEY HAVE A DOZEN PLANETS?
THEY DO.
NOT.
WAS CHANCE.
"SO LET'S TALK ABOUT WHAT'S IMPORTANT NOW."


STARK IS THE ONE WHO STOOD ON THE MOUNTAINTOP AND DECIDED HE WAS IN CHARGE OF THE WORLD.
HE'S THE ONE WHO SAID HE COULD PROTECT US ALL. BUT HE COULDN'T.
I AGREE, MISTER PRESIDENT.
THERE'S A SCHOOL OF THOUGHT THAT SAYS: A LITTLE LESS TIME FIGHTING THEMSELVES AND A LITTLE MORE TIME WITH AN EYE ON THE SKY, NONE OF THIS HAD TO HAPPEN.
I AGREE.
SO I'M SAYING RIGHT NOW: TONY STARK IS OUT.
AND YOU, SIR, YOU ARE IN.
THANK YOU, MISTER PRESIDENT.
ARE YOU ASKING ME, SIR, TO BE THE DIRECTOR OF S.H.I.E.L.D.?
NO.
S.H.I.E.L.D. IS NO LONGER VIABLE.

IT HAS BEEN COMPROMISED AND IS BEING SHUT DOWN.
IT WILL BE REPLACED WITH SOMETHING FAR MORE SUPERIOR AND MODERN.
AND ITS GOALS WILL BE TO KEEP THIS PLANET SAFE FROM THOSE WHO WOULD ATTACK IT FROM INSIDE AND OUT.
IF THIS INVASION HAS PROVED ANYTHING AT ALL, IT'S THAT WE NEED A CERTAIN TYPE OF MAN AT THE HEAD OF THAT TABLE.
WE'VE ALL SEEN THE FOOTAGE, WE'VE SEEN A TRUE HERO AT WORK.
WE KNOW WHAT TYPE OF HERO WE NEED WATCHING THE SKIES.
AND THAT MAN IS...

NORMAN OSBORN.
ALL THAT FELL UNDER THE S.H.I.E.L.D. BANNER, INCLUDING THE AVENGERS AND THE FIFTY-STATE INITIATIVE NOW FALLS UNDER THE THUNDERBOLTS INITIATIVE.
AND I WANT TO MAKE SOMETHING PERFECTLY CLEAR...STARK TECH WILL NO LONGER BE USED IN ANY FORM OF DEFENSE CAPACITY OR BY THE MILITARY.
OBVIOUSLY THE ENTIRETY OF STARK ENTERPRISES HAS BEEN COMPROMISED TO THE POINT OF USELESSNESS.
STARK ENTERPRISES/WESTCHESTER FACILITY.
WILL TONY STARK BE INDICTED?
A FULL-SCALE INVESTIGATION INTO WHAT WENT ON WILL BE CONDUCTED AND THOSE DEEMED NEGLIGENT WILL HAVE TO ANSWER--
WELL, AIN'T THAT A KICK IN THE HEAD.
HOW LONG BEFORE THEY REALIZE THEY JUST HANDED THE KEYS TO A--TONY?
TONY, ARE YOU OKAY?
ARE YOU OKAY?
WHAT?

AVENGERS TOWER.

THANK YOU FOR MEETING WITH ME.
OKAY.
IT'S A NEW DAY.
SO LISTEN CAREFULLY.
THIS IS HOW IT'S GOING TO BE...
END.

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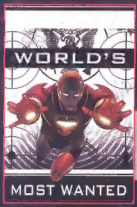

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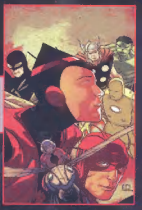

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